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Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

As a voting constituent, I have great concern about the Microsoft antitrust case. I feel that after three long years of court battles, it is time to allow the company to get back to software innovation. The settlement is fair, and it should be finalized.

Our economy is in a recession. It is companies like Microsoft that fuel the success of our nation's economy. Pursuing further government action, at the federal level, against Microsoft will only foster the economic downturn.

Microsoft's willingness to agree to terms that extend beyond terms initially in question, in conjunction with the physical during of this suit, is more than enough reason to settle at this point. Please continue to work to convince others about the appropriateness of this settlement.

Sincerely,



Edward Zimmerman